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LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL MINING
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has asked the State Governments to frame rules and to set up Task Force for prevention of illegal mining;

(b) if so, the details of the steps so far taken by various States in this regard; and

(c) the extent to which illegal mining in various States has been curbed thereafter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) So far 14 States have framed rules under Section 23-C of the MMDR Act, 1957 and 19 States have constituted Task Force.

(c) As per available information for the period from 01.7.2005 to 31.12.2006 State Governments have detected 40495 cases of illegal mining of major/minor minerals involving an area of 14577.11 Hectares, 1180 FIRs have been lodged and 6415 court cases have been filed, out of which 5531 cases have been decided and a total of Rs.53.36 crores has been realized as fine.